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Applicants' Statements:

1. This is a first submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
3. A copy of the International Application as filed has been transmitted by the International Bureau.

Enclosed herewith please find the following:

1. 19 sheets of Specification, 3 sheet of Claims and 1 sheet of Abstract.
2. 4 sheets of Drawings.
3. 34 sheets of PCT Published Application No. WO 2004/069629.
4. 5 sheets of PCT Request.
5. 4 sheets of PCT Search Report performed by EPO.
6. 5 sheets of Chapter II Request.
7. 5 sheets of Chapter II Examination Report
8. 1 sheet of PTO-Form 2038.
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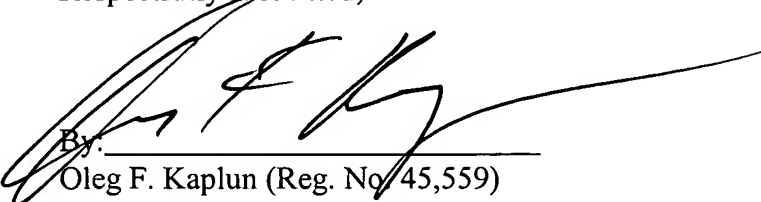
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